



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 13-14 July, 2024

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday: 'The Spirit of God has been with us'

(extracted from Melbourne Catholic Magazine)

The Catholic Church in Australia marks the beginning of NAIDOC Week with the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, observed this year on 7 July. At St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli celebrated Mass, incorporating an Acknowledgment of Country, special prayers, symbols and vestments, and music performed and composed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

In the packed Cathedral, the faithful of Melbourne, who come from many different parts of the world, gathered as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of First Nations peoples to our Church.

The NATSICC theme for NAIDOC Week 2024, 'Keep the Fire Burning—Strong in Faith', calls the Church to go forth, embracing all cultures and peoples, opening our hearts to the wisdom and spirituality of our First Nations Peoples, and recognising the presence of Christ in our stories and traditions.

Before Mass, Wangkangurru Yarluyandi and Gunditjmara woman and Engagement Officer with Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Louise Luu gave an Acknowledgment of Country, noting that St Patrick's Cathedral is situated on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, 'of which members and elders of the Aboriginal community and their ancestors have been custodians for thousands of years'.

'Our connection to the land, waters and skies is deeply rooted in our identity and spirituality,' she said, inviting all those gathered 'to join us in respecting and cherishing this connection'.

Ms Luu quoted St John Paul II's address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in 1986: 'At the beginning of time, as God's Spirit moved over the waters, he began to communicate something of his goodness and beauty to all creation. As the human family spread over the face of the earth, Aboriginal

people settled and lived in this big country that stood apart from all the others, the great South Land of the Holy Spirit.'

'For thousands of years,' she said, 'we have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day. And during all this time, the Spirit of God has been with us.'

All newcomers, she said, are invited 'to open your eyes to see the stories written, open your ears to hear the songs that have been sung, and feel the sacredness of the land on which you are standing today.'

During his welcome, Archbishop Comensoli also acknowledged the presence of 'those who are a part of our First Nations', pointing out 'some little differences in our liturgy today ... most particularly by way of symbols that give expression to our faith in ways that speak into our cultures.'

'So, knowing that we gather as God's people from a mixture of many cultures, but most particularly our Indigenous peoples today, we gather knowing that the Lord unites us all in his love and in his tenderness.'

The setting chosen for the Mass was, appropriately, the Melbourne Mass, arranged by Cathedral music director Philip Mathias for the 175th anniversary of both the Catholic and Anglican dioceses of Melbourne in 2022, and incorporating musical elements and themes from many different cultural groups, including an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kyrie (composed by John Wayne Parsons) and a Torres Strait Islander Sanctus (composed by Toby Whaleboat). The congregation was invited to sing the responses of the liturgy accompanied by the voices of the Cathedral Schola and Troy Kuhl on didgeridoo, who also provided hauntingly beautiful accompaniment for the hymns. The final hymn, the traditional Indigenous hymn 'Holy Spirit in This Land', was also accompanied by Cameron Balcombe on rhythm sticks.

Before Mass concluded, Archbishop Comensoli invited those present to come forward at the conclusion of Mass to see the Cathedral's two message sticks, which he said have 'religious significance for us'.

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtube.com/live/joCtAFaYZ8?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Dcn Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

St Paul Apostle North Primary School

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Principal
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Readings for Next Week
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of Prophet Jeremiah

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.
Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness”

Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside still waters
He restores my soul

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil
my cup overflows

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long

Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the second Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:
Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So Christ Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

For reflection

- 1/ How does God’s promise of wise and just leaders give you hope?
- 2/ What barriers has Christ broken down in your life?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

THANK YOU

Last week we held a special collection for the St Vincent de Paul Winter fund raiser. A total of \$1725.25 was generated which we hope will help to keep warm those who are in need. Thank you for your kind support and generosity

2024 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

If you wish to have your child to be part of this year's sacrament of Confirmation program, you are required to send the completed registration form by the 4th of October, 2024 (you can obtain the registration form from our website or from the Parish office Tuesday-Friday 9am to 2pm. Your child must be in Grade 6 and have already received their Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Communion.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

The Safety Commissioner runs online courses/webinars for Parents and Carers. Join one of their free webinars this month. Here's what's coming up:

An introduction to online safety and emerging technologies

An overview of the opportunities and risks posed by emerging technologies including artificial intelligence, commonly referred to as AI, as well as generative AI (GAI). Enhance your family's digital literacy, learn about the potential harms and how to protect your children online.

It's suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.

Term 3 dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Wednesday, 24 July, 2.30pm

Thursday, 5 September, 12.30pm

To book click here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8077245949908148062>

ADORATION GROUP

This is one of our parish group which was formed in 2022. Members of this group have been quietly taking turn having adoration in the prayer room. If you are interested in joining this group please contact John Hendriks for more information on 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com

Below is a link which may be able to give you a little bit of idea on what adoration is all about <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/Johnhendriks%40gmail.com?projector=1>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This group will resume on Sunday 21 July. It welcomes all primary school children and younger to our Children's Liturgy program at 11am Mass each week. Please note that the 11am Mass is being LIVE-STREAMED every week. We ask that children under 4 or with special needs be accompanied by a parent or older sibling. Our leaders will be easily identifiable, if your child has any allergies, a serious medical condition or special needs, please alert the leader on the day. Due to possible allergic responses we ask that you refrain from bringing any food into the Children's Liturgy space. When the children are returning to their seats after the session please ensure they are aware of where you are seated. We have provided labels for you to write your child's name if you wish. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to chat to one of our Children's Liturgy volunteers or someone on the parish team

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

Wellsprings for Women is an organisation committed to providing programs and services in an environment that is caring, nurturing and safe for children, young people and adults at risk. Their work is majority funded by donations and fundraising activities. One of their annual fundraising events is a High Tea. This year's high Tea will coincide with their 30 Year anniversary. It will be held on **SATURDAY, 20th July 2024** from 2-4pm at Kennedy Hall, Killester College, 433 Springvale Road, Springvale 3171. Cost is \$65pp. If you wish to attend please register using this QR code by the 8th of July



COME AWAY DAYS

A ministry of the Passionist community who offer a space which is an oasis of peace and quiet, away from the busy world. in the surrounds of beautiful gardens, open space and trees. Their first session is on **WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER**. The day begins with a cuppa at 9.30am and end at 2pm. This retreat runs at Holy Cross Retreat 207 Serpells Road Templestowe, VIC.

For further information about Come Away Days contact Phone - 9846 6014 or email hcc@passionists.com



Readings:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Raymond Cabral, Rui Manuel Campos, Annette Tanner, Ruby Reid, Kay Dal Lago, Maureen Dawson, Michael Arcaro, Danny Sugunasekera, Roger Gray, Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Ronella Tyrell, Meti **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Genoeffa 'Jennifer' Palamara, Angelo Marateo, Margaret Ferrao, Antonio Manuel Leitao, Wijesiri Fernando, K. Bhaskerrao, Fred Steinwall, Giuseppina Bartuccelli, Martin Van Ratingen, Clairette Marie Leo, Lauren Houghton, Alex Loudon Snr, Nicolina Laratta, Colleen Nunes, Jocelyn Allegany, Deon Lawrence, Ken Stewart **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



BINGO NIGHT



Join us for Fun time at Parish Bingo Night

GAME PRIZE FUN

Friday, 19 July 2024 at 7.30pm

Annexe 'Tim O'Toole' Hall

You can come in a group or on your own

For more information please contact

Vianney 0438 700 675, Louis 0419 008 173 or Joe 0419 385 441

(This event is strictly for anyone 18 Years and above)



St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Florence Madeira	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Aloma Pereira	Sharon Normington Jean Jansz Naomi Falo	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Peter Miller Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Florence Madeira Sai Dilingir Binitha Mathew	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Mary Moore Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Stephen Herbert Lauren Rafferty	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Riona Alveyn Carmeline Don Paul Peter Miller	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Nila Fernando	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Ayomi Fernandez Peng Chee Jenny Catania

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Lakni Weerasekera Diane Heaton
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Diane Allegany Anne Astin	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Janina Gorski Grace Sudjono	Jennifer Tanti Diane Allegany	Melissa Krajacic Charlene Nheu